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CHARGES OF SECOND INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN DEATH OF TWO HOMELESS MEN ARE UNSEALED

Tampa, FL - Acting United States Attorney James R. Klindt announced today the unsealing of an Information and plea agreement of KENNETH HOOVER, age 34, formerly of Tampa. According the unsealed court records, HOOVER was charged with and pled guilty to two counts of murder in aid of racketeering activities on January 31, 2007. Another individual, CHARLES MAROVSKIS, age 27, was indicted and arrested on identical charges on January 31, 2007. These charges arise out of the 1998 murders of two homeless men, Alfred Williams and Richard Arseneau. HOOVER and MAROVSKIS face the death penalty or life imprisonment.

According to the charges filed against HOOVER and MAROVSKIS respectively, HOOVER AND MAROVSKIS were members of "Tampa Blood and Honour," a hate group engaged in racketeering activity whose members espoused the belief that white persons of Aryan descent were the superior race, and that all other races and classes of non-Aryan people were inferior. The respective charges further allege that HOOVER, MAROVSKIS, and others, on or about September 13, 1998, in Tampa, murdered Alfred Williams and Richard Arseneau.

According to the factual basis in HOOVER'S plea agreement, multiple members of Tampa Blood and Honour participated in the murders. Specifically, the factual basis

in HOOVER's plea agreement asserts the following:

Tampa Blood and Honour was a hate group whose members believed in the separation of races, and believed that a war between the races was inevitable, and that Tampa Blood and Honour, through its members and associates planned and agreed to participate in an anticipated "race war." As such, Tampa Blood and Honour members were required to possess firearms, and train in firearms proficiency and in military and infantry tactics. Tampa Blood and Honour members raised funds by selling and distributing skinhead music, clothing and other propaganda in Florida and elsewhere to assist their preparations for the anticipated "race war."

Tampa Blood and Honour members were required to demonstrate their loyalty and dedication to Tampa Blood and Honour by engaging in acts of violence against persons believed to be members of inferior races and classes, and against members and associates of rival skinhead organizations. Tampa Blood and Honour members considered homeless persons as an inferior class of persons regardless of race. "Bum rolling" was a term used by Blood and Honor members to describe the activity of targeting and committing acts of violence against homeless persons.

Tampa Blood and Honour, through its members and associates did attempt to murder and did murder homeless men. Specifically, on or about September 12, 1998, an unnamed homeless man ("unnamed victim") was attacked by a group of male skinheads under an overpass of interstate 275 at Bird Street adjacent to the Hillsborough River in Tampa, Florida. The unnamed victim was beaten over the head with what he believed to be a cinder block. The unnamed victim received severe lacerations, but was able to escape by jumping into the Hillsborough River. The unnamed victim positively identified a member of Tampa Blood and Honour as one of the skinheads who attacked and severely beat him.

Subsequently, on the next day, September 13, 1998, Alfred Williams and Richard Arseneau were murdered by members of Tampa Blood and Honour. Mr. Williams was murdered in Tampa, Florida, under the Crosstown Expressway in the vicinity of Meridian Street near downtown Tampa. Tampa Blood and Honor members severely beat Mr. Williams to death with objects such as a tire-iron. The cause of Mr. Williams' death was blunt impact to the head.

Mr. Arseneau was murdered in Tampa, Florida, at the vicinity of the intersection of Interstate 275 and Fletcher Avenue. The murder occurred in a wooded lot located east of 320 East Fletcher Avenue. The same Tampa Blood and Honour members who participated in the murder of Mr. Williams, also severely beat Mr. Arseneau to death. As a result of the beating, Mr. Arseneau sustained massive head injuries. Specifically, a small axe was utilized during the beating which caused significant trauma to Mr. Arseneau's head. The specific cause of Mr. Arseneau's death was blunt impact to the head. After the murders of Mr. Williams and Mr. Arseneau, Tampa Blood and Honour members obtained "spider-web" tattoos to symbolize their participation in the murders.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), with the assistance of the Tampa Police Department, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Porcelli.

The indictment filed against MAROVSKIS is merely a formal charge of a violation of federal laws and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until proven guilty.